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### WILL THE SEVENTH ACCEPT IT?

If the people of the seventh congressional district have any sense of appreciation, they will refuse to accept the resignation of Bob Page. The constituency of the seventh need Page more than Page needs a public office. If the Democracy of his district wants a rubber stamp, "me too" representative, they should sweep with the Democracy of the 6th where they are tiring of the "pretos" and the demagoguery of Hannibal. The Boisterous. The Nation's honor was one thing with President Wilson; a people's blood is another thing with Bob Page. A public office is one thing with Josephus Daniels; an honest conviction was another thing with Lindsey Garrison. Mr. Page may have convictions and men may retain convictions—even honest convictions, and men may juggle convictions, but we will wager our all that Mr. Page will never lose sleep arguing with his conscience. Roosevelt once called the Congress of the United States a herd of cattle. At that time there weren't many Bob Pages. If this country ever needed strong men at Washington it is now. If there were more men in our Capital City like the Congressmen from the seventh, we wouldn't have to grab the morning paper every day to find where we, the U. S. A., were "at." We are glad to know that every time Woodrow Wilson orders "bout face" that there are a few who keep their spines intact and their consciences untrifled in not being dictated to. Robert Newland Page is a God fearing, home loving, honorable, patriotic gentleman. A combination of the most complimentary adjectives of the language would not be amiss in heaping upon him. The shortest and most correct description would be: Bob Page is a man. And don't forget to spell it with a capital M, a capital A, and a capital N. If Henry Ford wanted to use his millions in pursuit of peace and good fearless legislation, he would not be spending his dollars foolishly

by inserting the following ad in the want column of every American publication.

WANTED—More men to represent their country at Washington like Robert Newland Page of the Seventh, N. C. Congressional District.

### THE FORD.

The most ingenious advertisement that has passed under our observation in a good while is the following appearing in the Kinston News: "Beat it, beat it little car, How I wonder what you are Climbing up the hills so high, Passing all the others by, As it passed the first man fussed, While the second wildly cursed, But the last man yelled and roared, 'You can't stop it! It's a Ford!'"

Washington Correspondents tell us that when the Secretary of the Navy was apprised of Rep. Page's announcement to the constituency of the seventh, the Secretary said "there must be some mistake." Evidently Josephus has not yet learned that it is possible for real men to cling to convictions even though a public office is sacrificed.

### KELLY'S DREAM.

(With Profuse Apologies O Henry) Kelly had a dream. He dreamed that he stood just outside the Golden Gate waiting to show his credentials and convince the officials that he should be allowed to enter. One of the guarding angels of the gate flew over to him and pointing to three corpulent gentlemen smoking long black cigars, asks, "do you belong to that bunch?" "Who are they?" asks Kelly. "Why," says the custodian of the gate, "they are munition makers. Did you say that you are one of them?" "Not on your sweet immortality," says Kelly. "I am the guy that only burned churches and did a little white-slaving during my sojourn on the terrestrial domain." Then the guardian of the gate called a winged flunkie to him. "Tell Pete to fix out a pass card for J. Kelly, and that he'd better hold the three munition makers to a strict accountability for their commercialization of death during the years 1914, 1915 and 1916, A. D."

Then turning to the Irishman: "Mr. Kelly, you will find cigars and grape-juice in the ante-room while your card is being made out."

Harper's Weekly tells of a railroad in Georgia—the L. K. & W.—that the natives call "L-o-u, K-u-s-s and W-a-i-t" and "Lord Knows When" We also have in North Carolina a road that will favorably compare the W. & P.—whose patrons sometimes can "Walk and Push."

### Kitchen-Suiter

Hon and Mrs. Claude Kitchen announce the marriage of their daughter, Kathrine, to Mr. Lewis B. Suiter, of Weldon, N. C. The wedding is to take place here some time in April. Have your barber work done at the Model Barber Shop. Clean and up-to-date. Electric shampoos and massage. In municipal building. J. D. Smith, Proprietor.

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### Spring Hill Notes.

Mrs. H. T. Nethery, of Halifax, was in town Monday.

Mrs. W. E. Stephenson, of Weldon, was a visitor here this week.

Joe Dickens, of Weldon was a visitor here Monday.

Mrs. A. B. Pope spent the week end in Tarboro visiting relatives.

Misses Mary and Elizabeth Applewhite, Tillery, spent the day here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. L. of Scotland Neck, N. C., were in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lamy and Miss Clayton Crittendon spent the week end visiting relatives near Oak City.

Joe Grimes and O. C. Vander, of Tillery, were in town Monday.

Mrs. B. C. Parish spent a day in Halifax last week.

Mr. Mark Grimes left Monday for Rocky Mount where he will make his future home.

Wm. Alexander, of Scotland Neck, was a visitor here Monday.

J. B. Grimsley was a visitor in Florence, S. C. this week.

T. Urston, of Weldon, spent Sunday here the guest of E. A. Lilly.

Mr. Chas. Marks, of Tillery, visited friends here Sunday.

J. A. Riddick was a visitor in Tillery Saturday.

Miss Christine Hyman is visiting relative in Hassel.

Sidney White and Lawrence House of Scotland Neck spent a short time here the first of the week.

Louis Kimball, of Manson, is visiting his sister Mrs. T. H. Twisdale.

Mrs. J. E. Riddick is in the city on a visit.

Misses May Stuart Riddick and Bessie Lanier spent a few hours in Tillery Wednesday.

Jerome Edmonson, who has been visiting friends near here has returned to his home in Hobgood.

J. H. Darden spent Monday in Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hancock were the guests of Mrs. J. T. Riddick Sunday.

The A. C. L. track force that have been engaged in the putting on the heavier rail have reached Spring Hill. The rails will be laid from Pender to Scotland Neck.

### OAK CITY

B. L. Hines spent Sunday and Monday in Norfolk.

Julius Bennett returned from several days visit to Roanoke Rapids Sunday.

Misses Dare and Beatrice Daniels spent last Sunday with Miss Chloe Bennett.

Misses Mary Warren Sullivan, Beatrice Bellamy and Master Frank Williams of Hamilton spent Sunday with John Bennett.

A. L. Everett and Miss Hattie spent last Sunday P. M. at Miss Chloe Bennett.

Miss Kate Pitt spent the week end near Speed.

Vivian Hamady spent the week end in Robertsonville.

Miss Minnie Whichard returned to her school Sunday after several weeks absence on account of the illness and death of her father.

Wm. Woolard of Bath was the guest of his sister Mrs. Luther Davenport Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Davenport, Misses Lillie Floyd, Lelia Pippin, Messrs. Dan Matthews and Whitley of Hamilton were in town Sunday.

Miss Mary Anthony of Hamilton was here a short time Monday.

Mr. Claude Ruebuck of Greenville was in town Monday.

Mrs. B. M. Worsley is spending a few days in Speed.

### New Stack Erected

The smoke stack to the smaller of the two boilers at the Municipal electric power plant here that was damaged by the wind several months ago has recently been replaced and the small boiler is now ready to resume service.

### City Market

The building that was some time ago rented to the town for the purpose of a city market was for some time been vacating to the inadequacy of the arrangements for more market. The work the officials of the town got busy and the market was not able to keep its beef separate from the others. Two meat men have already rented stalls and have moved in and others will move in within the next week.

### More Local Items.

Neah Allsbrook, of Louisville, spent several days here this week the guest of his mother Mrs. Annie E. Allsbrook.

Mr. S. B. Kitchen Jr., of Greenville, was a visitor in town several days this week.

Arthur Bryant spent the week end in Rocky Mount.

Mr. N. J. Hines, of Rocky Mount, was in town Monday.

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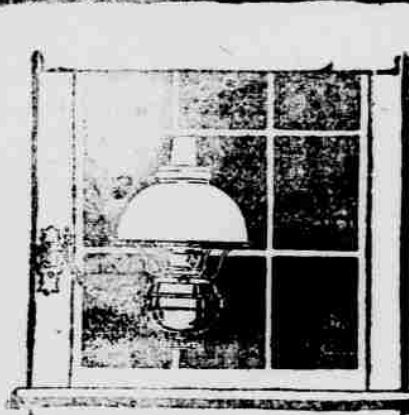
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## Uses and Abuses of Fertilizers

By Prof. R. J. H. De Loach, Director of Georgia Experiment Station.

### 1. THE USE OF COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS—HISTORY.

The First of a Series of Six Articles.

We would not be disposed to try to give a complete history of the use of commercial fertilizers, but only to show how this great industry began and grew in the Southern United States. Generally speaking, the farmers of this generation inherited the habit of applying fertilizers to soils, but have not been taught the underlying principles of the industry.

The use of some kind of manures on soils with crops for the purpose of increasing the yields goes back to ancient times. We know that many ancient people applied animal manures to their soils for this purpose. The Chinese, centuries ago, applied manures of various kinds to their soils and gardens and with phenomenal results. In Von Thun's Travels in Peru we find that as early as the middle of the last century notes were being taken on the actual value of Guano by the Peruvians.

Housington speaks of seeing fields in Peru on which wheat grew every year for two centuries, and the yield still high and the growers prosperous.

The practice of using mineral fertilizers was introduced direct from Peru to the United States in the year 1846, and was based on such reports as we find above. It had already been used in England before it found its way into the United States, but Peru seems to be the country in which the application of minerals to soils as plant food originated. We do not know this is true, but all evidence points to this. It is of greater interest to us therefore that we know about the customs in Peru.

The First Use of Peruvian Guano.

The first man in the Southern States to use this Peruvian guano was David Dickson, of Sparta, Ga., who saw an advertisement of it in the old American Farmer published in Baltimore. The South has perhaps never had a more successful farmer than David Dickson, who made many millions of dollars farming, and who was a pioneer in many other lines as well as in the use of mineral fertilizers. In the year 1836, the year after it was introduced into the United States, he bought three sacks and used it, and on finding that it paid him, bought it in increasing quantities till the year 1855 and 1856, when he "went into it fully." As is suggested above this is no doubt the first instance of the use of a concentrated mineral fertilizer on cotton in the United States.

The universal success with which Mr. Dickson met in the use of this Peruvian guano led many other prominent farmers to follow his example, and in every reported case, success followed his use. We are constrained to believe that the application of this mineral fertilizer to the cotton and other crops in the South could not possibly have been an accident. Its success was unquestionably based on the actual needs of the soil. A quickly available manure was what the crop needed, and when this was once applied results were evident.

After a time it was found that the Peruvian guano, which contained principally nitrogen, produced too much stalk and not much increase in the yield of fruit, and hence its use was somewhat discouraged for a season.

The First Use of German Potash.

About this time the war between the States began, and at the same time the discovery of the potash beds of Germany, also, the offering on the market of various kinds of mineral fertilizers resulting from the teachings of Von Liebig of Germany, who was at that time the greatest champion in the world of agriculture and its possibilities. As a result the popularity of Peruvian guano subsided and more study was given to the general question of the use of mineral manures, both by farmers themselves and the students of agriculture.

Two great contributing factors to the rise of the fertilizer trade in the South are first the abolition of slavery, and second, the rise of agricultural education. Before the war the question of land was secondary. If growing farm crops in the South "swept the land out," there were plenty of slaves to "take in more land." It was cheaper to take in land than to pay for any artificial manure. In 1862, the Morrill Bill passed Congress, creating agricultural colleges in the various states, after which there began a campaign for improving methods in agriculture. Experiments at public expense were begun on a small scale, and the public was induced to make greater use of plant foods of all kinds, as well as to improve methods of tillage. This, of course, caused an immediate increase in the use of mineral plant foods, and out of which grew demands for great quantities of fertilizers. From this great demand there sprang up fertilizer factories in all parts of the country. All kinds of materials were tried out, some was good, and some was not, but much of both kinds went. The factories had no restrictions and many of them pumped out the fertilizer anything that would smell strong and that could be put in sacks. This condition on account of state laws did not last long. No legal limit was put on giving a resume of the part taken in the rise of the trade by the states themselves.

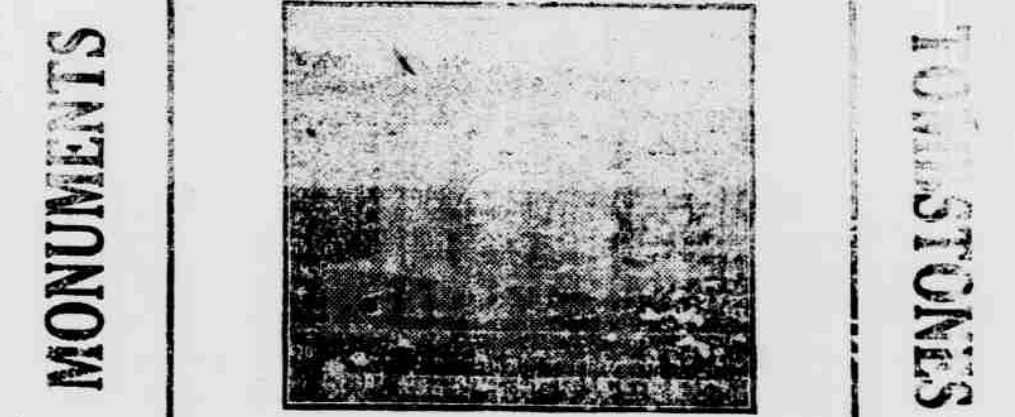
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